

shower and toilet unit are (from left) Danie Maldonado, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 18 years of City service; Marsail Johnson, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years; Isaak Flores, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years; and Jonelle Gardea, Solid Resource Superintendent, 25 years. All four are Club Members.

Celebrating its first year, Sanitation's **Mobile Hygiene Unit provides showers** and toilets to LA's unhoused, giving them hope, dignity and a chance at a new life.

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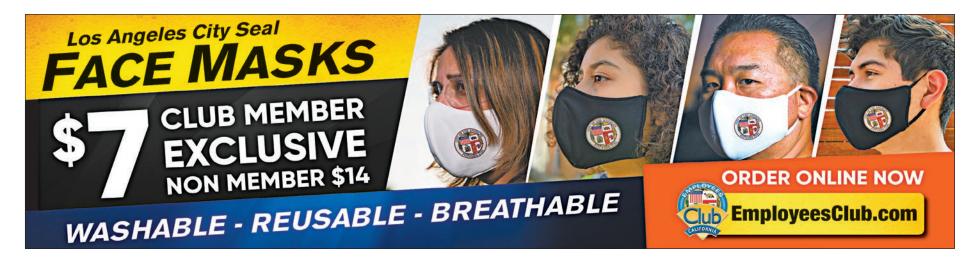


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It's a continuation of our series looking at how City men and women are working through the COVID-19 pandemic. Last August, writing about Rec and Parks' efforts to care for the unhoused, Jimmy



At Sanitation's Cazador Yard, home of two Mobile Hygiene Units, are (from left) Jonelle Gardea, Solid Resource Superintendent; Club COO Robert Larios; and Danie Maldonado. Refuse Collection Supervisor. Jonelle and Danie are Club Members.

Kim told us about Sanitation's program to provide hygiene services like showers, bathrooms and clothing exchanges. That's our focus this month.

The program is simple hygiene matters to all humans. We all know that. But it's so much more. The Mobile Hygiene Unit is about trust, and dignity, and what can happen when you raise people's lives off the ground. If in these tough times you wonder if anything good is happening, read this. It is. Thanks to Jonelle Gardea, Danie Maldonado (both Club Members) and the Sanitation Alive! in August focused on Rec and

teams for the awesome job they're doing.

Moving on ... Like so much in the world, this issue looks different than those in previous years. There are no City-sponsored holiday events to list, as they've all been postponed. So we decided to include some photos from years past. We hope these photos help

Parks' efforts to shelter the unhoused

### JOHN'S BLOG by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club



you remember that the holidays are right around the corner! ... We report the sad news that Ed Harding, 99, longtime Public

Works/Street Services head and RLACEI President, has died. Just two months ago we paid tribute to Ed as he retired from the RLACEI board. As his death comes late in our November production cycle, we'll wait until next month to have a more complete look at his life

... Congratulations to Nury Martinez,

Councilwoman for the Sixth District, who last December became the first Latina to

become President of the City Council ...

Also congratulations to Rotundra Green,

who retired from Airports after 35 years

of City service. She used to review movies

and this holiday season looks like it will be

different than anyone of us expected. But I

feel that Thanksgiving is coming at exactly

This year has been tough on us all,

when Alive! featured arts reviews.



Council President Nurv Martinez

the right time, giving us all a chance to count our blessings. I am thankful for my friends, my family ... and all of you, Club Members.

*Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.* 



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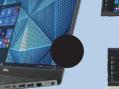
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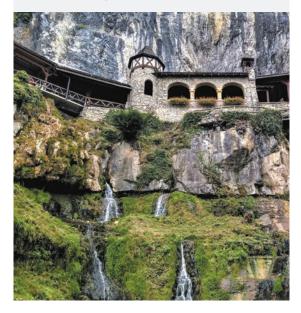
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## LAPL's Top Ten -

read what Angelenos were reading and downloading in September.



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#### Correction

In last month's article about the death of Danny Salazar, Rec and Parks, due to COVID-19, we misstated his age. He was 46. Alive! regrets the error.

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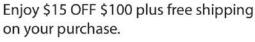
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Alive! featured LoVLA as our September cover story.

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## **Open Enrollment Now Through March**



Tenah Johnson-Taylor of the LACERS Health Division helps organize the open enrollment process



LACERS' annual planning for next year's Retiree insurance selections makes changes due to the pandemic.

Detiree Open Enrollment for the 2021 plan year continues now to March 31, 2021. Due to different Citysponsored programs competing for LACERS health staff's availability, the typical Open Enrollment period will be extended to allow

Members and staff more time to process health plan enrollments and changes.

changes to their existing plan during this Open Enrollment, please be aware that:

## **Retiree Open Enrollment** Now through

March 31, 2021

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#### period, unless they experience a qualifying event.

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#### **Meetings Held Virtually**

Due to the threat of COVID-19, LACERS will not be holding its traditional Open Enrollment in-person events this year. Instead, LACERS will offer virtual meetings with each carrier (Anthem Blue Cross, Kaiser Permanente, SCAN Health Plan, UnitedHealthcare, Delta Dental, and Anthem Blue View), which will include LACERS updates for the coming plan year, a presentation by the carrier, and a question-and-answer session

The meetings will be held using Zoom. You may also call in to hear the presentations if you would prefer to simply listen in.

More information regarding meeting times and dates will posted on the LACERS Website.

#### If you'd like to participate virtually, but

Story by Tiffany Obembe, LACERS

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Glen Malabuyoc of the LACERS Health Division helps organize the open enrollment process.

- They will not be able to make another health plan change for at least one year, unless they experience a qualifying event.
- If they retired during the Open Enrollment period, they cannot change their health plan choices during this extended Open Enrollment

Enrollment packet in early October, as normal. It will include all the pertinent information, including an overview of health plan updates for 2021 and the latest Health Benefits Guide (HBG).

Criteria for qualifying events can be found on lacers.org or on page five and six of the HBG.

aren't comfortable with Zoom, LACERS is providing Zoom support through Mom's Computer. You may contact them at your convenience by phone or email at (800) 281-0692, or help@momscomputer. com for assistance.

## **Attention Retired LAPD Officers:**

## **Norton Simon Museum** is hiring Retired Officers for its security team.

The Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena is looking to fill two security manager positions on their security team. One position is full-time; one is part-time. Applicants must live in the area to respond to museum emergencies or other situations. (The museum will remain closed until next year due to the pandemic but expects to hire before then.) Those interested can get more information on the museum's Website (all inquiries should be directed there):

nortonsimon.org/about/career-opportunities/

#### TRANSPORTATION

## Parking Innovation Honored

**Innovative COVID programs benefiting low-income motorists** win national award.



Transportation's Parking ▲ Management Team won a national award for innovation for two different programs that assist lowincome motorists during COVID.

Ken Husting, Principal Transportation Engineer, Parking Management, Transportation

Community Assistance Parking Program (CAPP), managed by the department's Parking Management Team, won a

national award for innovation in late September.

The Community Assistance Parking Program, which defers parking fines during COVID for lowincome and homeless people or exchanges the fines for community service, is one of the programs that led Transportation to winning the Innovative Organization of the Year award from the National Parking Association.

The second program was the implementation of flexible payment plans for fines.

"Together with our partner, Conduent, we are pleased to implement socially-oriented parking policies geared toward alleviating the financial strain for disadvantaged residents," Ken Husting, Principal Transportation Engineer, Bureau of Parking Management, Transportation, told the Traffic *Technology Today* Website. "The onset of the pandemic further highlights the importance of these programs. "The City of Los Angeles is committed to the suc-

cess of CAPP and the flex-

ible payment plans, and we will continue to promote policies to build an equitable parking program that is responsive to the needs of our community."

Congratulations to the Parking Management



## **Online Club Store Holiday Schedule**

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We'll list the December dates next month.

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### **Happy Holidays** from the Club Store!

LAPD

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## Goodbye, Officer

**Officer Robertson** retires.

Mike

LAPD Officer Michael Robertson retired after 34 years of City service, 16 at City Hall.

"Officer Mike" worked his last shift Oct. 20.

### Congratulations from the Club, Officer Mike!





Officer Mike Robertson works his last shift, this one at City Hall.

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Throughout the summer, Counselor Dalila Vielma participated in presentations about Club benefits by participating in departmental online meetings. She has an informative narrated slide presentation to show, and she can prepare Club materials and drop them off in advance.

The Club can join meetings in the following platforms: Webex, Zoom, GoToMeeting, Rooms, Teams, Spaces, Slack and others. You name the platform, and we'll meet you there!





Last month, Club Counselor Dalila Vielma (middle row left) presented the Club story and benefits to DWP new employees using the Webex teleconference app.

meeting. Invite her to join!

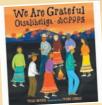


## **Read All About It:** It's Thanksgiving!

#### These LAPL recommendations can help your family celebrate Thanksgiving.

Tn the spirit of Thanksgiving, Alive! reached out to the Children's Literature Dept. at our favorite Library, Los Angeles Public Library, for suggestions to get young Club readers into the spirit of this quintessential American holiday. In celebration of Thanksgiving, the librarians created this list of books for families to share about gratitude and what we are thankful for. Thanks to the Librarians for their suggestions. Enjoy these stories of gratitude, everyone! (Some are available via digital download; some are physical books available for curbside pickup. Search at lapl.org)

## Thanksgiving Children's Books



#### We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga, Traci Sorel

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tude and appreciation, Traci Sorell tells a story of the heritage and values of the Cherokee Nation

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#### 100 Ways to Be Thankful, Lisa Gerry

This National Geographic Kids publication offers ideas for taking action and for simply acknowledging ways to tap into gratitude.



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#### The Thankful Book, Todd Parr



This book is a list of things big and small we can be thankful for.

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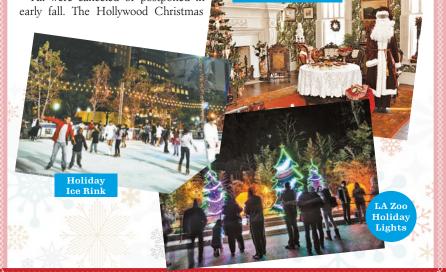
In all years but this one, the City produces and sponsors a variety of events to celebrate the holidays. And Alive! provides you with all the details on a variety of events co-produced by the City, including LA Zoo Holiday Lights, Holiday Ice Rink, Holiday Light Festival Train Ride, El Pueblo Tree Lighting Ceremony, Victorian Christmas, Civil War Christmas, Wilmington Winter Wonderland, Harbor Afloat Parade, Pershing Square Winter Holiday Festival and Las Posadas on Olvera Street.

All were canceled or postponed in

Parade held on for a long time, but finally it too was postponed Oct. 26.

We know it might be harder for Club Members to get into the spirit of the holidays without these very popular Citysponsored events. With that in mind, we at Alive! thought we would do our part and showcase images from previous years of these important events as a reminder: They may be gone this year,

> but they will Rec and Parks return. Enjoy!





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This holiday season might be like nothing in history, but the Club Holiday tradition continues - have photos from your department's holiday party pictured in Alive! It's too important, and too much fun, to skip a year.

It's Party P

Many City departments are planning to have their annual holiday party on

Zoom, WebEx, GoToMeetings, or other videoconferencing app. If your department has a holiday party scheduled online, then you can be a part of our special holiday section.

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virtual party!



Club COO Robert Larios (left) interviews Jonelle Gardea, Solid Resource Superintendent, 25 years of City service, Club Member (center); and Danie Maldonado, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 18 years, Club Member.

## **Shower the People**

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Club COO Robert Larios and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Jonelle Gardea, Solid Resource Superintendent, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Danie Maldonado, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 18 years, Club Member. The subject was the Mobile Hygiene Unit – the bathroom/shower trailers that provide those services (and more) to LA's unhoused communities. The interview took place in Sanitation and Environment's Cazador Yard on N. San Fernando Road in Glassell Park.

Both Jonelle and Danie are second-generation City employees and Club Members. The interview and field visit were socially distanced.

#### hanks for joining us today to talk about Sanitation's Mobile Hygiene Unit. Tell us about your careers – how did you get here?

**Jonelle Gardea:** I started off as a Clerk Typist in 1995. I was promoted to Senior Clerk in 1997 and then to a Refuse Collection Supervisor in 2007, and then to a Solid Resources Superintendent in 2018. That's all in the Bureau of Sanitation.

**Danie Maldonado:** I began my career in 2003 as an exempt Maintenance Laborer. I transitioned into a Maintenance Laborer, a regular appointment, and spent about five years there. I became a Refuse Collection Truck Operator in the West L.A. District working for Jonelle. I spent about five years there and ended up getting promoted into a Refuse Collection Field Instructor where I was there for approximately four years. Then I was promoted into a Supervisor three years ago.

## And you both come from City employee families.

**Danie:** Right. My dad retired about five years ago and loves looking through *Alive!* every month, saying, "Hey I know him!"

Jonelle: Her dad hired me.

#### **Really?**

Danie: Yes. I'm a second gen baby.

Jonelle: Me, too. Danie: My dad worked for the City for 41 years.

What was his name?

Danie: Victor Orosco.

Also in Sanitation? Danie: Yes. He retired about five years ago.

You're second generation too, Jonelle?

Jonelle: Right, My dad, Jim Miranda, spent 34

unsheltered Angelenos on site

#### What's the tent exchange?

**Danie:** We have a tent exchange program where if they do not have a dwelling to live in or if they need to exchange their tent with a new one, we provide that.

## You're helping keep the unhoused cleaner and healthier.

Danie: Correct. More hygienic.

**Jonelle:** MHUs are a critical component to the public. Every person deserves a shower and a bathroom, and we provide those services. We also pass out hygiene kits to the unhoused Angelenos. So far we've provided 18,900 showers in the past year, since we started.

That's incredible.

### Teaming With Rec and Parks

A couple of months ago we covered Rec and Parks' Dept. Operations Center with Jimmy Kim, Sonya Young-Jimenez and Brenda Aguirre.

Danie: We know them!

#### Right. They provided showers for the unhoused, too. How do you interact with them?

Jonelle: We did during COVID.

Danie: When COVID happened, we did not have enough Mobile Hygiene Units (trailers) to assist with the Rec

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and Parks shelters. We'd been in operation for only about six months. They rented their own trailers, and our personnel staffed them because we are the experts when it came to the sewage discharge and knowing just how to get those units up and running. It was a major challenge because there was a new component that we weren't familiar with. We know the operation of our vehicles, but we had to learn theirs.

Our personnel staffed the Rec and Parks shower units onsite. We were there from 5 to 9 p.m. providing showers to all these Angelenos who were coming in.

#### Has that program wound down?

**Danie:** We're not doing the Rec and Parks shelters anymore. That dwindled down.

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years at Rec and Parks. He retired about 10 years ago.

Great to know!

### **Mobile Hygiene**

Tell us about the Mobile Hygiene Unit. It's a part of Sanitation's Livability Services, right?

**Jonelle:** Yes. LA Sanitation's Livability Services Division provides services focused on protecting the public health and the environment. These programs include the Mobile Hygiene Unit, the Clean STAT Street Indexing Program, the Public Receptacle Program and of course our Comprehensive Cleaning and Rapid Engagement Team – our CARE Teams. All of these programs work under the Division of Livability Services.

## Got it. So tell us what the Mobile Hygiene Unit does.

**Danie:** We service six locations per day and provide restrooms, showers, clean clothing, hygiene kits, a tent exchange, and limited COVID testing through a partnership with the LAFD for

Standing in front of a mobile shower and toilet unit are (from left) Danie Maldonado, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 18 years of City service; Marsail Johnson, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years; Isaak Flores, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years; and Jonelle Gardea, Solid Resource Superintendent, 25 years. All four are Club Members.



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Celebrating its first year, Sanitation's Mobile Hygiene Unit provides showers and toilets to LA's unhoused, giving them hope, dignity and a chance at a new life.

n October 2019, Mayor Eric Garcetti launched the CARE – Cleaning and Rapid Engagement – teams as part of a wraparound approach to service for unsheltered residents in Los Angeles. The approach put more "boots on the ground" and teamed service providers handling outreach and engagement with LASAN teams. Each CARE team is assigned to a Council District, and the regular service by the same team creates a relationship between the unsheltered residents and the staff.

CARE includes Sanitation's Mobile Hygiene Units, which park in areas heavily trafficked by LA's shelterless populations and provide scheduled services including bathrooms, showers, clean clothes and tent exchanges.

The CARE team started with one hygiene trailer, all it could get its hands on at the time. The team has six now, and seven more custom-designed units are on the way before the end of the year.

The Mobile Hygiene Unit, consisting of 20 City employees, with additional services contracted to Urban Alchemy, has now provided nearly 18,900 showers to homeless LA residents.

But it's more than just hygiene. As Superintendent Jonelle Gardea, Club Member, mentions in this month's interview, the team provides hope for many caught in persistent homelessness. A regular shower and change of clothes, provided by those they can trust, is sometimes the first step toward securing their own shelter or even a sustaining job.

As the team passes its one-year anniversary, Jonelle and Supervisor Maldonado, Club Member, talk about its successes, its national leadership, how they're dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, and how they're managing the unit's dramatic growth.

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## A Clean Start



The CARE Mobile Hygiene Unit is ready to serve constituents on Los Angeles Street near Olvera Street Tuesday, Oct. 6. Foreground: Danie Maldonado, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 18 years, Club Member (left) and Jonelle Gardea, Solid Resource Superintendent, 25 years of City service, Club Member.



The LAFD assisted the CARE teams during the pandemic.

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Jonelle: But we still work with Rec and Parks as part of our normal operations, because there are homeless people in the parks.

#### Danie: Right.

#### Are you still in COVID operations? Are you doing anything outside of what you were doing before COVID?

Danie: Yes. I make sure that our crews are continuously wearing their PPE, they're wearing their N95s both in and out of the vehicles. We're making sure that we're geared up with the full Tyveks when we're touching items. We need to make sure that we are healthy so that we're able to provide these services and don't have to take a unit out of service due to any type of COVID exposure. As far as that goes, we're still are in COVID now.

Jonelle: The social distancing has to happen. That's always on our mind when we're placing the guests and the personnel.

### **All in the Timing**

It was amazing timing, wouldn't you say, that Mobile Hygiene started just a year ago, and then six months in, there's the pandemic.

#### Danie: Yes!

Jonelle: Yes. When we started last year, nobody knew COVID was coming!

#### Danie: Correct.

Jonelle: I think my life already knows its destiny. I've never been put in a wrong place yet, even though a year ago I was geared more toward the Care Teams. I came aboard Mobile Hygiene just a few months ago. Things worked out. We had things in place to get us through COVID.

#### The Mobile Hygiene Unit was put underneath you as a superintendent.

Jonelle: Yeah. I was put over the Mobile Hygiene



Danie Maldonado, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 18 years, Club Member.

#### Danie you couldn't have known that we were going to be in a pandemic.

Danie: Right. Last October (2019) I was stationed at the Unified Homelessness Response Center. In February I was pulled out of that. So it was like, "Here you go. We need you to assist with this Mobile Hygiene Unit Program and bring it to the next level. Incorporate a little more of safety aspects, a little more knowledge and background," I was able to bring it to the table. The pandemic hit a month later. We were in the process of learning this whole Mobile Hygiene Unit Program and its different components and the areas we service and the individuals, and then we had the pandemic.

#### Right.

Danie: It was like full gear, full mode, let's go! It was boots on the ground and we were running. It was a major transition.

Jonelle: We got a lot done.

#### Danie: Definitely.

Jonelle: There wasn't a lot of attention put on Mobile Hygiene at the beginning as much as the other Care Teams. But with the pandemic, all of a sudden everybody started wanting the Mobile Hygiene Unit. They went in at warp speed.

#### Is there any time in your City career that compares to this?

was no foundation laid for it. We got the opportunity to structure it and build on that.

Danie: Definitely agree. This has been by far the most challenging time of my career. There was no foundation laid. We are laying the foundation and building on top of that. There have been a lot of bumps and hurdles, but so far we have done pretty well. The teams themselves are very grateful to be a part of this because they see the impact that it's making with all the unhoused Angelenos.

#### Danie, after you came on board, how did you adapt in that first month? When the pandemic hit, what did you do? Did you take a breath? Tell me about that month.

Danie: So luckily with me being at the Unified Homelessness Response Center already, I had an idea of the regional deployment and how that was being done with the Care and the Care Plus Units. But to ramp up and learn a whole new process and a whole new procedure and to get an understanding of some of the wastewater aspects of the job, that was a lot. It was a lot of absorbing, of gathering information, of asking a lot of questions so I had a better understanding of the operation. It was a seven-day-a-week operation. I had to refresh my brain in what we needed so that we could operate safely out in the field and not endanger our staff and not endanger the public. It was a lot of learning.

#### You learned about PPE?

Jonelle: We had PPE available because all of our Care Teams wear it. We didn't have to ramp up or dig for that.

Danie: We had to make sure we were following all the guidelines and making sure that we were ensuring the safety of our staff and then evervone else.

Jonelle: We were working a lot when the pandemic started.

Danie: Yes. We were also providing services prior to COVID when the City was experiencing the fires, so we were already functioning.

Jonelle: And we had gone through the typhus outbreak down in Skid Row last year.

Danie: It wasn't just COVID. It's any type of emergency that comes up where they need a mobile hygiene unit. We've been deployed out



Jonelle Gardea, Solid Resource Superintendent, 25 years of City service, Club Member.

to those sites.

Jonelle: Public health is our mission.

It's a huge growing area.

Jonelle: It is.

#### Did you have to rewrite your playbook?

Danie: Constantly!

Jonelle: We're constantly rewriting and updating it.

Danie: A lot of editing.

Jonelle: The more things that become available, the more training that Danie has to provide for her staff.

Danie: It's always growing.

### **Seeing the Need**

#### How did the mobile unit start?

Jonelle: Generally, it was created because our Care Teams were already out there doing the job tending to the unhoused, and those living on the streets needed showers. Sanitation saw the need to expand our services and worked with the Mayor's Office to acquire these units and bring them aboard. We're led by service - our crews were already out there providing comprehensive cleanups of homeless areas. We saw that they need showers and bathrooms. They had basic sanitary needs. That's how this unit was created.

Program when I was over the Clean STAT Receptacles and the Care Teams. I had to learn real quick!

Jonelle: No. Not for me. Working in Livability Services Div. has been the biggest challenge of my entire career. It's a new division and there

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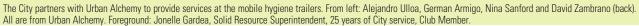


The City partners with Urban Alchemy to provide services at the mobile hygiene trailers.

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A constituent after taking a shower in a mobile hygiene trailer.

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That simple. You saw the need because you were out there doing the job.

Jonelle: Yes.

**Danie:** And then COVID hit and there was even more of a need.

### **Ramping Up**

The Mobile Hygiene Unit celebrated its one-year anniversary last week (Oct. 1), and because of COVID, you're just getting back to where you where before that – ramping up your services.

**Danie:** Correct. We're still learning. We're still in the process of developing the protocols and making sure that we have the items we need for the crews.

## So you've seen a lot of growth then in a year.

**Jonelle:** From one trailer, to six. And by the end of the year we'll have 13 trailers in the field. We have two more on their way this week from New York where they're made.

## You two helped design the new trailers.

**Jonelle:** Yes, we did. To get us off the ground, we bought what was available to us last year. And they've been okay. But Danie and I have learned a lot over the past year about what would make them better. We worked with the factory to improve our new trailers that they're building. They're going to be really good.

#### And those are improved standards that everybody in the country will be able to put to use in their cities.

Jonelle: Yes, exactly, if they want them.

Danie: And remember too that we serve not

Hygiene units to locations that are condensed with any type of RVs at the sites. Council District 2 is looking for a location where we can provide services because they have 25-plus RVs at the site that may need assistance with showers and some type of sewage discharge. Just anything.

#### What other City departments do you work with to help deliver your services, whether it's tapping into hydrants or pumping sewage?

**Danie:** I would say the DWP because we need the hydrant access. Wastewater, of course, is within Sanitation. That's Sanitation-driven.

**Jonelle:** We partner with the DWP and our Wastewater Division. Urban Alchemy has been influential in providing the hospitality services that the MHU program needs. They are the first face a guest sees inside this program. We really could not have done it without any of our partners.

## Urban Alchemy is an outside organization.

Jonelle: Yes.

#### In terms of the City employees, how many people are in the unit that manages the six trailers that you have?

**Danie:** We're small. We're about a 20-person team.

## Where do you shelter your trailers?

**Danie:** We have three locations – two trailers at the Washington Yard, two here at the Cazador Yard, and two that at the Valley. So we're trying to regionally deploy so that there aren't too many crossings. I believe eventually we will add a couple more. There'll be a few at the Harbor and a few at the Tillman Yard. They're all going to be regionally deployed throughout the City.

#### Do other cities look to LA about what we're doing? Are we seen as a leader in any way?

**Jonelle:** Yes, we are. They are looking to us. We are one of the first cities in the United States to have a program this big. This is with six, and we're going to 13.

### Providing Dignity

## What do you wish people knew about what you do?

**Danie:** I think people are surprised. We have been to some locations where there are unsheltered individuals, and sometimes the residents that are in the area don't want to see that because they think that it's attracting individuals to the site. But they already exist there. We're just trying to provide them a hygienic place with whatever services they need, whether it's restrooms, showers, sometimes clothing if we have clothing, toiletries or tents. I wish everyone were a little more accepting that we're here to help and not to harm.

## You're not creating the need, you're addressing the need.

**Jonelle:** I wish people knew that it was more than a shower and a bathroom. It provides our unhoused Angelenos with some dignity. When you see them come out of a shower with fresh new clothes, it can be powerful. If there are families there, we have backpacks made for the children, and it makes them feel they have some dignity and are whole again when they step out. And then we're back again the next day like we said we were going to be.

## What do you love about what you do?

**Danie:** Seeing the staff being proud. They know some of these unhoused individuals by names. We have conversations with people, and the feedback we've gotten from the individuals using the showers is just amazing. They're nothing but grateful. They're happy that we're on site. They'll ask us when are we coming back. And sometimes we actually have individuals lining up

to take showers because they know that we're coming.

**Jonelle:** At some of our regular locations like Glendale, I can see the ones who are there twice a week and they're showering with us consistently – they're cleaner, they feel whole and they're looking for jobs. Some of them got into housing and they come so excited and say, "I got into housing." We see that. They don't have to look dirty; they don't have to feel dirty.

#### That's hope.

Danie: Right.

**Jonelle:** Hope, exactly. They don't have to live like that. It just takes time. Our partner Urban Alchemy has services available that we can connect them into, too.

#### Do you see that difference, Danie, in people when they are respected and shown dignity?

**Danie:** Definitely. Sometimes when we go out to a location the first time, individuals are really reluctant because they don't know why we're there, they don't know how much it costs and what services are available. But they get used to us being there, and they start referring their friends to our services. We can see the difference in people. It lightens them up.

#### They trust you.

Jonelle: It's a trust. It's a relationship.

Danie: You have to build that trust.

**Jonelle:** We're hoping to add medical services next year if we get the funding. It will help with their infections before going to an emergency room.

#### The future is promising.

**Danie:** It's definitely exciting, yes. A little challenging, but definitely exciting!

**Jonelle:** It sounds good, but the planning that goes into that is hard work.

## Jonelle and Danie, thank you for your time.

just those who are unhoused or on the streets. We also serve the individuals in RVs. That might be their form of housing, and we take Mobile

#### How are they funded?

Jonelle: Through our general fund.

Jonelle: Yes, of course.

Danie: Thank you. ■



The CARE Mobile Hygiene Unit is serving constituents on Los Angeles Street near Olvera Street Tuesday, Oct. 6.

## TRANSPORTATION Willie Gilmore 1947-2020

#### Willie James Gilmore, who retired from Transportation as a Traffic Painter and Sign Poster in 2010 after 38 years of City service, has died. He was 72.

Willie was born Aug. 16, 1947 in Jackson, Miss. He was the youngest son of James M. Gilmore and Nettie B. Pigg. His family moved to Los Angeles when Willie was young.

He completed high school at Jefferson High School and then joined the Army. He married JoAnn Gilmore in 1970. They had two daughters – JoAnn Shontell Gilmore and Rachanda Gilmore.

Willie, a Club Member, is survived by his ex-wife JoAnn Gilmore; daughters JoAnn S. Gilmore and

Rachada Gilmore; Melinda Rogers; and grandchildren Curtis Rogers, Brittany Rogers and many cousins and friends.

Willie received a military presentation at the Riverside National Cemetery.

Willie loved his LADOT hats and was very proud of all his grandchildren and supported his grandson (Justin C. Gilmore-Grisham), who attended USC and was part of the world-famous USC marching band. ■



May he rest in peace.



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## Life's **Important Moments**



## Retirements

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Ellis, Kimberly	Transportation	28
Galvez, Ramon	General Services	13
Rodriguez, Francisca	Rec and Parks	15
Salazar, Daniel	Rec and Parks	20
Thomas, Kenneth	Public Works	20
White, Winifred	Public Works	10
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Arana, Louis	N/D	N/D
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Chidester, Lewis

Coleman, Terry

Dashti, Guiti

Cusumano, John

I	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Derlighter, Alan	DWP	30
Dwyer, Lance	Harbor	26
Fletcher, Mary	General Services	30
Flores, Ramon	Rec and Parks	12
Frazier, Fred	N/D	N/D
Galwey, Romayne	N/D	N/D
Garland, Richard	Airports	32
Gentner, Robert	DWP	39
Gilliard, Benjamin	N/D	N/D
Glover, Loretta	ITA	34
Gluskoter-Johnson, Darlene	Rec and Parks	35
Gomez, Henry	Harbor	35
Gonzales, Robert	DWP	36
Haggerty, John	N/D	N/D
Hernandez, Javier	Public Works	32
Hidalgo, Ralph	N/D	N/D
Howard, Charles	DWP	20
Howard, Roger	General Services	30
Jackson, Marion	N/D	N/D
James, Sherman	DWP	33
Jones, Mildred	DWP	27
Kaul, Marvin	DWP	19

	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF Service
Kimbrell, Jess	N/D	N/D
Kinter, Kenneth	Building & Safety	32
Lee, Yoon	Housing	35
Lona, Esther	N/D	N/D
Mason, James	N/D	N/D
Matsumura, Daniel	Housing	28
McAfee, John	N/D	N/D
McGough, Patrick	LAPD	32
Menjivar, Herminio	Rec and Parks	14
Paul, Aura	Airports	11
Penn, George	N/D	N/D
Proescholdt, Albert	Transportation	41
Raynor, Robert	N/D	N/D
Roberts, Richard	Transportation	7
Santiago, Zenaida	LAPD	34
Smith, John	N/D	N/D
Vanderloop, John	N/D	N/D
Vargas, Hilda	Rec and Parks	31
Way, Eric	General Services	17
Yamagawa, Joe	DWP	31
	N/D = not a	disclosed

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Share your news... and send in a photo! Have you gotten married? Had a baby? Graduated? Is a family member in the military? Send in a photo and a paragraph, telling us the details. We love to share your good news.

Submit digital photos and text online: (as high a resolution as you can send) alive.employeesclub.com/ lifesmoments



#### Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc.

# RIACEI RELACEI For Retired Club Members

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#### (800) 678-4145, Ext. 0

For retirement assistance, call the Retiree Hotline and leave a message. A Director of RLACEI will return your call and assist you with your concerns.

#### **RLACEI WEBSITE**

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Tom Moutes

#### **RETIREES UPDATE**

## LACERS Works to Provide Great Healthcare Benefits

by Tom Moutes, RLACEI Director

The provision of Retiree healthcare benefits can look quite simple to us retirees. We receive our Open Enrollment materials, determine what our subsidies cover, and make our selections. Frequently, there even is a new benefit thrown in – such as the addition of the Active&Fit program that the Kaiser Permanente HMO is offering this coming year.

However, the reality is that LACERS staff, health consultants and Benefits Committee are busy all year helping make great medical, dental and vision options available and to help keep costs down for Retirees and for LACERS.

Shortly after the Open Enrollment period, LACERS gets busy making decisions that won't be implemented for another year. The first of those decisions is whether it is prudent to go out to bid on any of the medical, dental or dental (together called healthcare) contracts. If the decision to go out to bid is made, the process has to start early in the calendar year.

Even if LACERS decides to renew the existing healthcare contracts, there is a rate negotiation process that takes months. This process includes reviewing prior usage by LACERS members (no personally identifiable information is included) to determine what rates the insurers can justify. This process also helps identify commonly occurring medical conditions in the LACERS Retiree population.

After LACERS has reached agreements on the healthcare contracts, the next issue is determining the subsidies and reimbursements for which Retirees and dependents will be eligible. While many of the subsidies are determined based on Administrative Code provisions, some are decided on by the LACERS Board.

The LACERS Well program also factors into the provision of great healthcare benefits. The information regarding commonly occurring medical conditions in the LACERS Retiree population is used not only to bring the insurance carriers' attention to them, but also so that the LACERS Well staff can consider how to implement programs in the following year to help Retirees control those conditions. This element of LACERS Well helps Retirees enjoy healthy retirements, while also helping to keep our retiree healthcare costs down.

Lastly, the Open Enrollment materials are prepared and distributed. Then, Retirees like you and me get to sit back and make our decisions for the next year. Yeah, we get the easy part!

#### LACERS BOARD UPDATE

## LACERS Reports Investment Performance

by Michael R. Wilkinson



LACERS' investment consultant, NEPC, recently reported on our investment returns for the quarter ending June 30. The plan's investments came back from losses in the first quarter to post substantial gains in the second quarter. As you know, short-term returns, up or down, are not significant to the safety and financial security of a plan over the long term.

As of June 30, LACERS returned plus-10.09 percent for the past three months; plus-4.47 percent for the year-todate; plus-1.07 percent for one year; plus-5.30 percent for three years; plus-5.79 percent for five years; and plus-8.52 percent for 10 years.

NEPC has compared LACERS' returns to other pension plans of similar sizes, and LACERS has outperformed in most time periods. In measuring investment performance where the lowest percentile (out of 100) is best, LACERS was in the 53rd percentile for the latest quarter, 56th for the year-to-date, 48th for one year, 30th for three years, 30th for fie years, and 9th for 10 years. LACERS uses passive investing (index funds) to get superior returns without paying high fees to active managers where this makes sense. Long-term investors use passive investments for certain asset classes like U.S. equities where the active money managers struggle to keep up with passive funds after paying high management fees. LACERS invests 35 percent of the total fund and a whopping 92 percent of its U.S. stocks in passive investments. Non-US equity is 43 percent passive, and core fixed income is 19 percent passive.

## Annual Membership/ Holiday Meeting Postponed

The RLACEI annual general membership meeting and holiday party, which is generally held in December, has been postponed until Spring 2021 as we all continue to stay quarantined and limit our activities during the coronavirus pandemic. The installation of Board Directors will take place at that time.



change your email address. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA, LAPCU, and LAFCU as applicable.

#### Send in your Interesting



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### 2020 RETIREE EVENTS

All RLACEI Events postponed until 2021

**RESERVATION LINE:** RLACEI: (800) 678-4145, Ext. 701 I have asked the investment staff to be vigilant to look out for other opportunities to invest more in passive investments where LACERS would get better returns. There are some asset classes, such as high returning private equity, where passive investments are not available, but where properly vetted active managers deliver higher returns after paying active management fees.

Finally, the plan and NEPC are keeping track of the economic effects of COVID-19. While it is easy to say that we have not had this challenge before, there are parallels to other financial crises, and LACERS is carefully watching this situation. ■

## Become an RLACEI Member

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) is dedicated to advocating for retiree interests. We are over 6,500 strong! Members enjoy all RLACEI events such as the golf tournament, member's picnic, and holiday party. RLACEI membership includes FREE membership in the Employees Club of California with access to all Club group benefits (insurance, discounts, etc.).

Get FREE membership through the end of 2020 for those retiring Aug. 1 through Nov. 30, 2020!



Call (800) 678-4145 x717, or visit our website at RLACEI.ORG and join today!

### **RLACEI**

#### **RETIREES ON THE MOVE**

## Meet Raymond T. Serna Jr.

By Beverly Clark, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Ray Serna served the City of Los Angeles for almost 35 years and retired in August 2009. His career with the City of L.A. began at 17 when he became a Warehouse Worker with General Services. At 25, he took a threeyear leave of absence to pursue higher education



Raymond T. Serna Jr

at Cal State LA. While there, Ray co-founded the Hispanic Drama Club, where he directed and acted in the school's first major Hispanic theatrical production. During that time, Ray qualified to participate in an International Cultural Exchange Program held in Havana, Cuba. The program was sponsored by the Cuban Ministry of Culture and hosted 20 students from various colleges throughout the United States. The highlight of Ray's acting career came when he landed a principal role in a television drama series produced by KCET public television and funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Ray returned to General Services and progressed up the career ladder to the position of Stores Supervisor with Transportation. Among Ray's significant career achievements was the implementation of the City's Supply Management System (SMS) within Transportation. He worked closely with division heads to connect SMS to all Transportation field offices and vards and received a formal commendation from the Mayor's office for his contributions to the City.

Ray and his wife Yolanda have lived in Arcadia for more than 32 years. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. Ray and Yolanda believe that leading by example is the most effective education parents can give their children. They were always on the go, attending their children's school activities from pre-school through their high schools years. Both Ray and Yolanda volunteered much of their time co-chairing the Parent's Advisory Boards and organizing school fundraisers, annual festivals and talent fashion shows.

#### What was the smartest thing you did to prepare for retirement?

Ray's Retirement Plan:

When Ray and Yolanda were in their mid-40s, they realized the importance of planning for retirement, so they sought help from a financial adviser. They found they had a significant amount of disposable income so they started individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and 457 Deferred Compensation Accounts to supplement their pensions.

In retirement, Ray is an investment adviser with PFS Investments, Inc., a full financial services practice in Santa Fe Springs. He holds a Series 6 and 63 securities license and has his life, health and casualty insurance licenses in multiple states. As a financial broker with access to the best products in the marketplace, Ray provides holistic financial solutions that enable his clients to realize their financial goals.

Among Ray's many involvements in retirement, he is an active member of LACERS, RLACEI, AARP, AFSCME Retirees, Chapter 6, Living Hope Church and the Arcadia Community Center.

#### What are his words of wisdom for Retirees or those about to retire?

Ray advises that when considering retirement it is important to look at three areas of your life:

- Your current lifestyle
- Your monthly expenses
- Your monthly income

As a general rule of thumb, 75 percent to 100 percent of a Retiree's gross income is needed during the early retirement years. Why? Because your lifestyle and monthly expenses will most likely not change when you retire. Debt such as your home, car and credit cards may not be paid off. And, perhaps you'll probably want to travel once or twice a year.

Retirees should determine exactly how much money is needed to live comfortably in retirement. Ray recommends consulting with a financial professional (or him if you don't have one) to determine if you're on track to reach your retirement goals. He emphasizes, "You wouldn't go on a long trip without mapping out your journey; hence, you should approach your retirement the same way."

Ray's set of Core Values:

• Live by the golden rule: "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

## INTERVIEW:

- Offer value to people who you interact with.
- Maintain a level of professionalism and integrity.
- Always be honest and courteous when dealing with people.
- Motivate others to pursue their goals and dreams.
- Help others experience the freedom of financial worries.

#### How does he fill his days?

Ray says for him retirement is:

- Lying in bed in the morning and not worrying about what time it is
- Walking in the morning at the park
- · Working out at Gold's Gym
- · Listening to music while planting beautiful flowers in the garden
- Watching a movie at home with his family until 1 a.m. on a weeknight
- Golfing in the morning, then having breakfast at the Club House
- Taking his mother-in-law with him on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera
- Going on weekend retreats with his wife at their timeshare resorts
- · Going to Hawaii for his goddaughter's beach wedding
- Going on a Caribbean Cruise to Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica, Cozumel and Cayman Island.





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> TO ENTER: **RLACEI** Members:

### Longtime Street Services head, **RLACEI** president passes away. By RLACEI Board

**T**t is with sad news that we announce the pass-Ling of former RLACEI President and President Emeritus Edward J. Harding. Ed passed away Oct. 16. After more than 30 years serving on the RLACEI Board and as president for 24 years, Ed felt that due to his health that he was no longer able to contribute to the Board as he wished. He decided to resign from RLACEI as President Emeritus in August of this year. His resignation was featured in the September edition of Alive! with many well wishes from Board members, associates, friends and Club leadership.

Ed was a pioneer with a vision to see RLACEI as a conduit for retired City employees to feel secure, safe and aware of their benefits after City service. RLACEI, through Ed's leadership, saw many accomplishments. Once again, we thank Ed for his service to the City of Los Angeles for more than 34 years, his dedication to both active and retired City employees and his love for family and friends.

The RLACEI Board and members extends deepest sympathy and condolences to his family and friends.

*Alive! plans to publish a comprehensive obituary* of Ed in the December issue. - Editor

Follow us on Facebook

**Other City Retirees:** Like us on Facebook and join RLACEI

### **PRIZES TO FIRST 150!**

**FIRST 50 WIN** Target \$25 gift card

51-100 WIN \$5 gift card (See's or Starbucks) 101-150 WIN RLACEI reusable cloth bag



Find us: Log on to Facebook, then search for RLACE

Join at: RLACEL.org (must be Retired City employee)

#### AIRPORTS

## **Sparks** Flies

Jimmy Sparks, Club Member, among several who retired Sept. 23.

service and Club Member.



Jimmy is retiring after 31 years of City service and 15 years serving as the President of the Association of Airport Employees. He looks forward to spending more time with

family and volunteering at his church and community. Congratulations, Jimmy, on your great career!

The Club thanks Laronda Echols, Verneiza Benwikere and Darcy Driscoll for their assistance.

retirement luncheon was held Sept. 23 for Jimmy

The luncheon was held at the LAX Maintenance Yard.

ASparks, Mechanical Helper, Airports, 31 years of City

Jimmy Sparks takes it all in as he walks about the fleet.



From left: Elaine Williams. Retired Management Analyst, 35 years of City service; Jimmy Sparks Mechanical Helper, 31 years, Club Member; Laronda Echols, Real Estate Officer, 22 years, Club Member; and Ricardo Jimenez, Carpenter, 19 years, Club Member.



Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical Helper, 31 years of City service, Club Member with Arlene Herrero, Club Vice President of Business Development

Tommy Robinson, Sr. Mechanical Repair. 33 years of City service, shares his memo-

ries while Jimmy Sparks listens.

From left: Club Members Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical Helper, 31 years of City service, alongside fellow Rétiree Marilyn Wells, Maintenance Labor, 38 years. They retired





Mechanic Supervisor, 32 years of City

service; and Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical

Helper, 31 years, Club Member

From left: Club Members Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical Helper, 31 years of City service; and Ricardo Jimenez, Carpenter, 19 years.



From left: Daniel Campbell, Airport Maintenance Superintendent. 32 years of City service, presenting Jimmy Sparks a list of his commendations From left: Richard Yakel, Air Conditioning



From Left: Randy Nero, Airport Maintenance Superintendent, 32 years of City service, shares his wonderful stories as Jimmy Sparks reminisces



From left: Club Members Linda Brown, Payroll Supervisor, 31 years of City service; Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical Helper, 31 years; and Adrian Vidal, Administrative Assistant, 5 years.

#### TRANSPORTATION

And when masks came off (to right)

The COVID pandemic called for many retirement luncheon celebrations to take place on the same day. Pictured, from left: Tom Black, AMS II, 3 years of City service; Jimmy Taormina, Tile Setter, 23 years, Club Member (who also retired

on the same day); John Sandgren, AMS

III, 25 years, Club Member; and Ricardo

Jimenez, Carpenter, 19 years, Club

Member

## Mireles for the Win

City employee running for Council seat in Pico Rivera.

John Mireles

Tohn Mireles, Stores Supervisor, Transportation, with 21 years of City service, Club Member, is running for a seat on the City Council ... in Pico Rivera, just east of downtown in LA County. Should he win the race – he's

on the ballot Nov. 3 -- it would be a part-time job, allowing him to keep his daytime Transportation gig.

"I was raised in Pico Rivera since I was six years old," he tells Alive! "I had a good childhood growing up in my city. I played baseball and football here. Most of my friends



In the time of COVID, he plans to make public health a priority.

John feels that his experience working for the City in a num-

ber of departments (Airports, DWP, Public Works/Street Lighting, LAFD, LAPD and now Transportation) gives him the knowledge he needs. "I am prepared to utilize my City service experience to help Pico Rivera run more efficiently and to be ready for growth. "I want to pay it forward, to take this chance to help and give back to the community," he says. "This opportunity provides me the chance to make a positive difference to the people around me and my community."

#### AIRPORTS

## **Ethel Flies Away**

**Ethel Pattison retires after astounding** 64 years of City service.



Ethel Pattison

retirement party via Webex and a special video were Athe agenda in late September as Ethel Pattison, Airport Information Specialist, retired from Airports after 64 years of Citv service.

Ethel, 94, was hired in 1956 to help the City build voter interest in a bond issue to expand west of Sepulveda Boulevard in anticipation of the jet age. Her remarkable career was chronicled in last month's cover story.

Her retirement video highlighted that she won a Career Service Award back in 1991, 29 years before she actually retired! "You are an angel in our City of Angels," said Airports CEO Justin

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Vice President of Business Development

> From left: Linda Brown, Payroll Supervisor, Harbor, 31 City years of service, Club Member; Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical

Helper, 31 years, Club

Member; Wendy Lopez, Custodian, 22 years; and

Elaine Williams, Retired,

now are the same ones since childhood.

"My parents still live there and are becoming elderly, and I want to be back home close to them.

I see where my skill set can contribute to growth of Pico Rivera, the city I love and call home!

"My top three priorities are: ensuring safe neighborhoods, improving community



Good luck, John!



Erbacci.

The retirement video can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/U7Y793uL4Ms

Congratulations, Ethel, for the more than six decades of service you provided to the City. Enjoy your much-deserved retirement.

Tom Ihle, Director of Human Resources, Airports, provided information for this story.



the mannequin).



The October 2020 cover of Alive!

CARE CALLS

# Mission Accomplished!

PANDEMIC

2019-2020

The Club's historic "Care Calls" project – to call all 48,134 active Members to say hello and check on how you're doing during the current coronavirus pandemic – has concluded. What an incredible project!

### Thank You Club Members



"Here's a big thank-you to all Club Members who said hello and told us how much they love being a part of the Club. We appreciate you right back! Thanks for being part of Club history."

- Club CEO John Hawkins

### Thank You Club Staff Callers



Some 30 Club staff members took on the historic mission to call all 48,134 active Club Members as part of the Club "Care Calls" project. Pictured here are two staffers who called the Members. Well done, staff! It was truly an awesome project, reaching to all Members one at a time, for the first time in Club history. We loved talking to each and every one of you!

The project started March 27 by calling all Retired Members. When that was completed, Club staff began calling all active members. The entire project finished Oct. 13. Approximately 30 Club staffers made calls and connected with Members.

We also fulfilled 1,105 requests from Club Members for hard-to-find materials they needed. Here's a final list of the 19,466 products we shipped to Club Members, and how many of each:

## TOTAL PRODUCTS SHIPPED: 19,466

Gloves:		10,640
Masks:		6743
Hand Sanitizer:	65	52 bottles
Toilet Paper:		636 rolls
Paper Towels:		225 rolls
Sanitary Wipes:		144
Wipes:	1	00 wipes
Food Items:		100
Depends Adult		
Undergarments:		34
Pampers Diapers:		32
Tissues Boxes:		19
Cat Food:		18
Hearing Aid Batterie	es:	18
Clorox EZ-Kill		
Wipes:	16	canisters

Laundry Detergent:	10
Dish Soap:	10
Hats:	7
Tooth paste:	4
Body Wash:	4
Sugar:	4
Napkins:	4
Hand Soap:	4
Thermometers:	3
Trash Bags:	3
Deodorant Sticks:	3
Cleaning Sponges:	3
Cereal:	3 boxes
Tylenol:	3
Alcohol Pads:	2
Paper Plates:	2

Printer Ink:	2
Hydrogen Peroxide:	2 bottles
Vicks VapoRub:	2
Pine-Sol:	2
Airborne Tablets:	2 2 1
Aloe Vera Gel:	
Light Bulbs:	1
Elastic:	1
Dog Food:	1
Coffee Grounds:	1
Alcohol:	1
Flour:	1
Brita Water Filter:	1
Desk Lamp:	1
Printer Paper:	1

## **Scenes** PART 8 From a Pandemic

*Alive!* continues its documentation of City employees as they take a multitude of measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and keep LA safe. (The first part was in our April 2020 issue.) Here are entries from the Club and the City Twitter 😏 feeds about City Employees and Club Members at work during this trying time.

The phrases indicated by a **#** or an **@** are Internet search locators that work as shortcuts to help find desired locations online. We included that text here for completeness; if you want to see those locations, simply retype those phrases into your online browser.

#### **Public Works/Street Services**



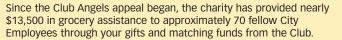
#### **Public Works/Urban Forestry**



Club Angels Help Others for the Holidays

Many fellow City employees are hurting due to the pandemic. Can you help make their holiday season brighter?

As the virus pandemic continues into the 2020 holiday season, the hardships faced by some City Employees and their families are even more critical. Club Angels, the charity started by staff members of the Employees Club, invites you to join our efforts to help.



"Our slurry crew completed work today in #cd8 on Figueroa St from 110 to 115. StreetsLA making our streets safe and mobile for all. @mhdcd8 @GMsTREEtsLA1H2O @LACityDPW @MayorOfLA"

Aug. 21

Oct. 8

#### LAFD Talk



"#LAFD firefighters in Battalion 12 stood for inspection today. #Firefighters take pride in the cleanliness and maintenance of our stations and equipment, which (as you can see) is periodically verified by an LAFD #BattalionChief. "@lacitydpw Two new webinar series featuring @CityPlants @LACitySAN @BSSLosAngeles @LARecandParks highlight action and learning in LA's urban forest! #LAGreenNewDeal #LACityForestOfficer"

Sept. 22

#### Office of the Mayor



"Mayor Garcetti visits a mobile test site to speak on the importance of flu shots."

June 22

"As we enter the Christmas and Hanukkah season and the COVID pandemic continues, people are really hurting," says Arlene Herrero, Club Angels President. "Club Angels is there for Club Members in need during this very special time. Can you help make their holiday season brighter?"



Thanks to your donations, these groceries were delivered by Club Angels to a City Employee in need.

"If you are facing hardship, please reach out to us. Club Angels is here to help."

The Club encourages City Employees and everyone to contribute to the Club Angels fund, accessed on its GoFundMe page.

Donations go to City Employees in need; Club Angels and the Employees Club earn nothing from the transaction. Donations might be tax deductible; consult your tax professional.



### **To donate, go to:** ClubAngels.org

### Please be generous.

Club Angels is a separate charity begun by Club staff.



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2. Login with your user name or password on the



### Club's website.

- 3. Select "View Deals" button to be directed to Corporate Jeweler's secure landing page.
- 4. Register or log in to Corporate Jeweler's website.
- 5. Once logged in, your name will automatically be entered into the giveaway contest.

#### MUST REGISTER BETWEEN 11/1/20 - 11/20/20

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. A purchase will not increase your chances of winning. The Giveaway contest is open only to Members of the Employees Club of California who are qualified to participate in the Corporate Jeweler program. The Giveaway contest begins at 12:00 AM PST on 11/1/20 and ends at 11:59 p.m. PST on 11/20/20. A winner will be selected at random by Corporate Jewelers. HOW TO ENTER: Entrants must visit employeesclub.com/jewelry and register or login to Corporate Jewelry's website through the Club. SPONSOR: Corporate Jewelers 12900 Preston Rd Suite 905, Dallas, TX 75230

